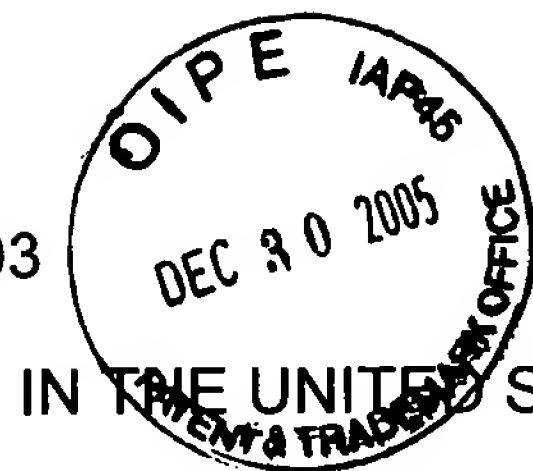


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 7, 2005, in which a one-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect Invention I, as set forth by the Examiner, comprising claims 1-15, 18-26 and 28, with traverse, for the reasons as will be set forth hereinbelow.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Response.



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Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Restriction Requirement with Traverse** in the above-captioned application.

 Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

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